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**ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**CITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

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Wednesday, March 5, 2014, 3:00 P.M.  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Star Conference Room  
City Hall, 300 N. Campbell St.

**Members Present: 7**

Chair Katrina Martich, Vice-Chair Joseph Nester, Richard Teschner (left meeting at 5:42 p.m.), Lois Balin (left at 5:20 p.m.), Maria Teran, Patricia White (arrived at 3:17 p.m.), Charlie Wakeem

**Members Absent: 2**

Edward Beck, Bill Addington

**Vacancies: 0**

**City Development Department Staff:**

Elizabeth Gibson, Lead Planner; David Coronado, City Development Program Manager; Kimberly Forsyth, Lead Planner

**Others Present:**

Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney; Kristen Hamilton, Assistant City Attorney; Lupe Cuellar, EPWU-PSB; Rudy Valdez, EPWU-PSB; Margaret Livingston, EPWU-PSB; Marci Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator, Parks and Recreation; Trish Tanner, Jobe Concrete; Sherry Mowles, public

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

*Chair Martich called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.*

**2. Call to the Public** (items not listed on the agenda)

*None.*

**3. Discussion and Action**

a. Approval of Minutes: February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Chair Martich asked Board Members if they had any additions, corrections, and/or revisions. *There were none.*

**MOTION:**

*Motion made by Mr. Wakeem, seconded by Mr. Teschner and* **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2014.**

**ABSTAIN:** *Chair Martich*

b. Changes to the Agenda.

Chair Martich asked Staff if there were any changes to the agenda, as presented.

**MOTION:**

*Motion made by Ms. Teran, seconded by Mr. Wakeem AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO MOVE ITEM 7 TO THE FOREFRONT.*

4. **Discussion and Action:** An Ordinance amending Title 19 (Subdivisions), Chapter 19.20 (Parks and Open Space), Section 19.20.030 (Parkland Calculations), Section 19.20.050 (Standards for Deeded Parklands) and Section 19.20.120 (Parkland Fees Special Fund) of the City of El Paso City Code to amend the requirements for parkland dedication and fees. The penalty being as provided in Chapter 19.42 of the City of El Paso Code.

Contact: Kimberly Forsyth, [ForsythKL@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:ForsythKL@elpasotexas.gov)

Chair Martich, Vice-Chair Nester and Board Members Teschner, Teran, Wakeem, Balin and White commented.

City staff, Ms. Forsyth, Ms. Tuck, Ms. Nieman and Mr. Coronado commented.

Ms. Sherry Mowles, member of the public, commented.

**MOTION:**

*Motion made by Vice-Chair Nester, seconded by Mr. Wakeem AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE OSAB SUPPORTS, AND RECOMMENDS, THAT CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO TITLE 19.*

**NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE:** Ms. Balin

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**CLOSED SESSION**

5. **Discussion and Action:** The Open Space Advisory Board will receive an update and deliberate regarding the acquisition of properties with stormwater funding and the placement of the property on the OSAB Stormwater Priority List. *Discussion of this item will be closed to the public pursuant to the El Paso City Code, Section 2.22.050(A)(5).*

Contact: Lupe Cuellar, [LCuellar@epwu.org](mailto:LCuellar@epwu.org)

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

6. **Discussion and Action:** Progress on rezoning case number PZRZ13-00023, requesting that an approximate 4,669 acre tract of undeveloped land managed by the El Paso Water Utility – Public Service Board and generally located north of Transmountain Rd. and east of I-10 be rezoned to the Urban Reserve District, originally recommended for approval by the Open Space Advisory Board at its July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting.

Contact: David Coronado, [coronadoda@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:coronadoda@elpasotexas.gov)

Chair Martich, Vice-Chair Nester and Board Members Wakeem, Teschner, Teran and White commented.

City and PSB staff, Mr. Coronado, Mr. Valdez, Ms. Cuellar, Ms. Gibson, Ms. Nieman and Ms. Tuck commented.

**1<sup>st</sup> MOTION:**

*Motion made by Ms. Teran TO WITHDRAW THE OSAB'S PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATION THAT CITY COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO INITIATE THE REZONING OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM ITS CURRENT ZONING DISTRICTS TO THE URBAN RESERVE DISTRICT.*

*Chair Martich restated and called for a second to the motion. There was no second to the motion; therefore, the motion failed.*

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

Chair Martich, Vice-Chair Nester and Board Members White, Wakeem, Teschner and Teran commented.

Ms. Nieman, Assistant City Attorney, commented.

**2<sup>ND</sup> AND FINAL MOTION:**

*Motion made by Chair Martich, seconded by Ms. Teran TO WITHDRAW THE OSAB'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO REZONE THE NORTHWEST PARCELS TO URD.*

**AYES:** 3 with Chair Martich, Ms. Teran and Mr. Nester

**NAYS:** 2 with Ms. White and Mr. Wakeem.

*Motion passed. (3-2)*

*The following item was moved to the forefront of the agenda.*

7. **Discussion and Action:** Continue to review and consider the re-prioritization of the open space opportunity areas outlined in the Open Space Master Plan.

Contact: Marci Tuck, [TuckMJ@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:TuckMJ@elpasotexas.gov)

Chair Martich and Board Members Teran, Wakeem, commented.

Ms. Lupe Cuellar, PSB-EPWU and Ms. Tuck, City staff commented.

**1<sup>st</sup> MOTION:**

*Motion made by Dr. Teschner, seconded by Ms. Balin TO APPROVE THE REPRIORITIZED LIST OF OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY AREAS WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION.*

**AYES:** 0

**NAYS:** 7

*Motion failed.*

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

Chair Martich, Vice-Chair Nester and Board Members White, Wakeem, Balin, Teran and Teschner commented.

City and PSB staff commented Ms. Tuck, Ms. Cuellar, Ms. Gibson and Mr. Valdez commented.

Three changes to the reprioritization list were agreed upon as follows:

1. Near Mountain Front Face of Franklin Mountains (*shifted from priority 4 to priority 1*)
2. "Mountains to River" Arroyo System North of Transmountain Rd.
3. Northeast El Paso Regional Detention Ponds and Linear Park Corridors
4. Near Mountain Lower Terrace
5. Northeast Area City-Owned Lands
6. "Cement Lake" and Arroyos near Central El Paso
7. Lands for Completion of Keystone Heritage Wetlands
8. Central and Mission Valley Linear Greenbelt Corridors
9. Near Mountain Canyons (*shifted from priority 1 to priority 9*)
10. Irrigation Canal Greenbelts and Linkages
11. Upper Northwest Arroyos (*shifted from priority 12 to priority 11*)
12. "Bosque" Linear Park along the Rio Grande in the Upper Valley Area
13. Dispersed Arroyos (*shifted from priority 14 to priority 13*)
14. Castner Range (*shifted from priority 8 to priority 14*)
15. "Bosque" Linear Park along the Rio Grande in the Mission Valley Area
16. Citywide Detention Ponds and Linear Park Corridors
17. Agricultural Preserve-Upper and Mission Valley
18. East Desert Greenbelts.

**2<sup>ND</sup> AND FINAL MOTION RESTATED:**

*Motion made by Mr. Teschner, seconded by Ms. Teran AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE LIST WILL BE REPRIORITIZED WITH THESE THREE CHANGES AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL THE END OF THIS MEETING OR NEXT MONTH, DEPENDING ON HOW TIME GOES.*

**8. Discussion:** Items for Future Agendas.

- **Discussion:** Open Space Master Plan recommendation for rezoning of parcels.
- **Discussion and Action:** Continue to review and consider the re-prioritization of the open space opportunity areas outlined in the Open Space Master Plan.  
Contact: Marci Tuck, [TuckMJ@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:TuckMJ@elpasotexas.gov)
- Quarterly report on the status of pending Open Space Advisory Board motions, to include:
  - o Palisades, NOS revision, Land Donation, land near Chuck Heinrich Park

**9. Adjournment**

**MOTION:**

*Motion made by Ms. Teran and seconded by Ms. White and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:53 P.M.*